

Office of the Secretary, DOT

§ 302.310

PROCEDURE WHEN AN ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE IS ISSUED

rate or rates as specified in the order to show cause.

§ 302.304 Order to show cause.

Whether the proceeding is commenced by the filing of a petition or upon the Department's own initiative, the DOT may issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why it should not adopt such provisional findings and conclusions, and such rates, as may be specified in the order to show cause.

§ 302.305 Objections and answer to order to show cause.

(a) Any person having objections to the provisional rates specified in such order shall file with the Department a notice of objection within ten (10) days after the date of service of such order.

(b) If such notice is filed as aforesaid, written answer and any supporting documents shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the service of the order to show cause. The Department may specify different times for filing a notice of objection or an answer. An answer to an order to show cause shall contain specific objections, and exhibits in support thereof, and shall set forth the findings and conclusions, the rates, and the supporting exhibits which would be substituted for the corresponding items in the Statement of Provisional Findings and Conclusions, if such objections were found valid.

(c) A notice or answer filed by a person who is neither a party nor a person ultimately permitted to intervene shall be treated as a memorandum filed under § 302.302.

§ 302.306 Effect of failure to timely file notice and answer raising material issue of fact.

If no notice, or, if after notice, no answer is filed within the designated time, all parties shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing and all other procedural steps short of a final decision of the Department fixing rates, and, in such case, or if an answer timely filed raises no material issue of fact, the Department may thereupon, upon the basis of all of the documents filed in the proceeding, enter a final order fixing the fair and reasonable

§ 302.307 Procedure when material issue of fact is timely raised.

If an answer raising a material issue of fact is filed within the time designated in the Department's order, a prehearing conference and hearing shall be held unless waived by all parties. The issues shall be limited to those specifically raised by the answer, except that at the prehearing conference, the administrative law judge may permit the parties to raise such additional issues as he or she deems necessary to a full and fair determination of a fair and reasonable rate. (Reference should be made to Subpart A of this part for rules applicable to hearings.)

§ 302.308 Evidence.

All direct evidence shall be in writing and shall be filed in exhibit form in advance of the hearing unless, for good cause shown, the administrative law judge otherwise directs.

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§ 302.309 Hearing to be ordered.

When no order to show cause is to be issued by the Department, the Department will order a hearing before an administrative law judge similar to that provided for in §§ 302.307 and 302.308, except that the issues at such hearing shall be formulated initially at a prehearing conference.

TEMPORARY RATE PROCEEDINGS

§ 302.310 Procedure for fixing temporary service and subsidy mail rates.

(a) At any time during the pendency of a proceeding for the determination of final mail rates, the Department, upon its own initiative, or on petition by the carrier whose rates are in issue or the Postal Service, may fix temporary rates of compensation for the transportation of mail subject to downward or upward adjustment upon the determination of final mail rates.

(b) Temporary service mail rates: The procedure for determining temporary mail rates involving an issue as